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SUBJ: VIETNAMESE REFUGEES

1. EMBASSY RECEIVED FOLLOWING CABLE FROM SENIOR CIVIL COORDINATOR CAMP PENDLETON CALIF FOR PASSAGE TO NIELSON REYES OF ICEM. QUOTE - FROM WRIGHT ICEM TEAM CAMP PENDLETON PRELIMINARY INTERVIEW VIETNAMESE FARMERS INDICATES INTEREST IN BOLIVIAN GOVERNMENT RESETTLEMENT OFFER. APPEAR TO HAVE EXPERIENCE OF MOST TROPICAL CROPS AND VEGETABLES VERY FEW LIVESTOCK FARMERS INCLUDED IN GROUP. THEREFORE ANY PROPOSED PROJECT SHOULD EMPHASIZE CROP GROWING RATHER THAN CATTLE RAISING. SOME INDICATION OF APPROX. NUMBERS FARMERS GOVERNMENT WILLING TO ACCEPT WILL BE APPRECIATED. IN VIEW OF URGENCY FOR RESETTLEMENT REFUGEES FROM PENDLETON SUGGEST I VISIT BOLIVIAN NOT LATER END OF AUGUST TO CARRY OUT PRE-FEASIBILITY STUDY SETTLEMENT AREAS AS REQUESTED BY DIRECTOR. MEANWHILE WILL APPRECIATE SOME INFORMATION OKINAWA SETTLEMENTS SANTA CRUZ ALSO BOL. GOVERNMENT SHOULD ENDEAVOR INDICATE PROPOSED SETTLEMENT AREAS WITH AT LEAST BASIC INFRASTRUCTURE. ADVISABLE THAT BOL. AGRICULTURAL OFFICIAL ACCOMPANY ME ON ALL FIELD

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TRIPS. PLEASE REPLY TORTORA C/O CIVIL COORDINATOR

IATF CAMP PENDLETON CALIFORNIA THRU US EMBASSY LA PAZ.
END QUOTE.

2. AMB AND POLOFF KEMP MET WITH NIELSON REYES AUGUST
12 AT WHICH TIME HE STATED THAT HE WOULD REPLY TO
MESSAGE THROUGH ICEM GENEVA CHANNEL.

3. IN ENSUING DISCUSSION, QUESTION WAS RAISED CON-
CERNING EXTENT AND TYPE OF ECONOMIC AND FINANCIAL
SUPPORT USG WOULD BE ABLE AND WILLING TO FURNISH
PROSPECTIVE VIETNAMESE COLONISTS TO TIDE THEM
OVER INITIAL RESETTLEMENT PERIOD IN BOLIVIA. EMBASSY
WOULD APPRECIATE DEPARTMETAL GUIDANCE ON THIS POINT.

4. EMBASSY WOULD ALSO APPRECIATE RECEIVING ANY
INFORMATION IN DEPARTMENTAL FILES PERTAINING TO
OKINAWAN COLONIZING EFFORT IN BOLIVIA AFTER 1963 AS
WELL AS DISPOSITION OF DRAFT IMMIGRATION TREATY UNDER
CONSIDERATION IN 1963.
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